

THAT ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF CRUDE OIL

Is Looked Upon With Suspicion by
"The Scout," Who Gives His
Reasons For This View.

CARTER'S IMPORTANT STRIKE

In Ritchie County—Was a Small
Maxon Producer—Is Now a Big
Injun Gusher.

Since the last review many important tangible events governing the oleaginous situation have come to pass, some of which were least expected. The advance in the crude market at a time when the field and foreign situation never looked more bearish, the market has advanced two cents, which created a general surprise. Not even the most hopeful looked for such a turn in the trend of events, and many old timers look upon it as the re-enactment of the little drama that characterized the up and down of the market in days long since gone past. And now, as then, it may be only the calm before the storm, and just when the producers are making calculations for an active and aggressive campaign the wind will veer to another direction, and the market will sink back below the point from which it started. It is hoped, however, that this will not be the case, but if the drill should be pushed in the newly discovered southwest territory, as it is in other localities, the result would be an increase in the crude output. For the generous act in advancing the market there is a reason, and producers will do well to keep a weather eye upon the trend of oleaginous events.

In Greene County. The bearish field shown in the southwest was augmented in old Greene county, Pa., last week, and, by the way the wind blows in that county producing territory has been expanded. But if the past history of the territory in which the well was struck is to be taken as any guide of what the present new strike will amount to, it is not likely that a flood of oil will be forthcoming in the near future. The well in question is the sole property of the South Penn Oil Company, and is located upon the William Parry farm, just to the east of the old Brittonia development. The well started off in dress parade style, and gave the appearance of making a much better well than it is. Its initial output, according to an official gauger, was an even two hundred barrels a day, and since then has fully maintained this output.

The same company was looking for big results in their test well to the west of Freeport, in the same county, and from the well's location had good reasons for expecting a paying producer, at least. The test venture was located upon the Joseph Evans property, and the objective point was deep sand oil, but when the terminus of all the oil formations was reached the echo of the drill was dust, but a good pressure of gas was developed instead.

Attention is particularly directed to the new Delaney development, near Pine Grove, in the county of Wetzel, in the state of West Virginia. This well is located upon the Delaney farm, and when first drilled gave evidence of making an ordinary producer, and but little attention was imputed to its advent. But a couple of screws more of the drill unfolded a different story, and the result was a 400-barrel well.

The same parties have another test well drilled on the Long property, in the same county, about one-half mile southeast of the Delaney spouter, at which they are now interrupted with a serious fishing job. This is a practically new territory, and is invested with much interest, and the result of the test on the Long property is causing much attention. If another 400-barrel well should be developed on the Long it would naturally indicate good digging between the Long and Delaney spouters.

On Richmond Run. On Richmond Run matters do not look quite so rosy as reported in the past, and a considerable amount of territory that has hitherto looked reasonably good has been condemned, and can now be classed in the category of the worthless. This innovation on the Richmond Run has been brought about by the Philadelphia Oil Company's test venture, located upon the Robinson & Hodge property, which was dry as a powder horn in the Gordon sand, the formation in which they expected to strike the bonanza. They came to the conclusion that as they had spent a little fortune in drilling a dry Gordon sander, they would go down to the fifth sand, and were rewarded with an eight or ten barrel pump. In conversation with the writer they at that time had not yet decided whether they would try conclusions again or not in the near future. It must not be understood that this failure condemns all of the company's territory, for the history of development in the Richmond county is against any such "diagnosis." Their possessions here are not limited to a few acres, but in making locations the stake has to be driven in the right spot to produce result. Consequently, being in a remote portion of the Richmond development a little caution and judgment must be exercised, things that usually guide their business actions. Their past venture, however, has condemned considerable territory in the immediate locality of their failure. It is pertinent to add in this connection that as Richmond Run has for some time been an important producing area, that of J. M. Guffy's exploration in the county last week have not yet been attended with any better results. Mr. Guffy and his associates drilled in and shot their No. 2 well on the Wyatt farm, and after several days of a thorough test found only a five-barrel pump. This party felt confident their venture was well located upon the best geological lines, and that success would be sure to be inscribed upon their banner. The Porter Oil Company's explorations in the Stout district were not

marked by particular success. The result of the Porter Oil Company's development here was only a twelve or fourteen barrel pump in their No. 3, located on the D. P. and S. M. Stout farm. This well was within the radius of producing limits, and the light result was not only a surprise to the Carter Oil Company, but to other local operators.

An Important Well. The Carter Oil Company, however, have more than evened up their disastrous operations on Richmond Run by the holding up and improving of their gusher on the Alexander Prouty farm, in Ritchie county, W. Va. It will be remembered by the trade that this particular venture was a small Maxon sand pump, but by being drilled deeper was converted into a gusher of the first magnitude, and has since developed most wonderful staying qualities. The conversion of a small pump into a Big Injun producer is something of a not every day occurrence, and the history of development has but rarely recorded such a phenomena. At this writing a special to the writer, direct from the well, states its production is officially stated at 415 barrels a day, while a personal gauge of the well's output makes the figures 438 barrels a day. There is a deeper significance attached to this surprise than is generally understood, and that is the probable revolutionizing of the whole Maxon sand territory. It is not to be entertained for a moment, however, that every old Maxon sand well drilled down to the Big Injun will turn out a gusher, but the fact that it has been shown beyond doubt that the Maxon sand is underlain by a productive Big Injun formation leads to the natural supposition that by deeper digging a large daily average would be added to the present production.

The Maxon Sand. Since this discovery, other ventures have been started, in the hope of duplicating the Carter Oil Company's lucky strike on the Prouty farm, the result of which is being watched closely by the trade in general. There is a large scope of Maxon sand territory that will be tested without delay, and if half of the Maxon sand wells that are being drilled down to the Big Injun contain a productive formation, the old diggings will once more present the animated scenes of old.

The trade is still attracted by operations in the Wallace district, Harrison county, W. Va. It still holds the boards, and from all appearances will be the new field of operations on an extended scale, that is, so far as the amount of production is concerned. It is most fortunate for the trade and the small producer, especially, that the territory in the Wallace district is held by the South Penn and Carter Oil Companies, so that it will be operated on a conservative plan. Were the territory between the Whitman farm well and the Carter Oil Company's well, six miles to the southwest of the Riffer farm, and the South Penn Oil Company's well, on the J. F. Davis farm, owned by Tom, Dick & Harry, there would soon be a scene of operations having a parallel only in the famous McDonald field. It is hard to tell just yet what this territory will amount to, but it certainly looks favorable for an output to maintain a large daily average. Since the advent of the Davis farm well, located 500 feet to the southwest from the Whitman farm well, the production fell off to about 150 barrels a day. A squib of high explosive brought its production to 500 barrels a day, but it is thought that owing to the close proximity of the wells this production will not be maintained for any great length of time.

At Glover's Gap, north of Mannington, the Hartman Oil Company, in trying to score another gusher, ran up against a rank duster on the Senty and Gibbs farm. Late authentic news this week from Tennessee and Kentucky says there is considerable activity, but that results, generally speaking, were poor.

Producing properties still command a high figure, and but little of this kind of property is changing hands. A lease owned by the Becker Oil Company, in the Cadiz field, with a production of only 250 barrels a day, brought \$30,000. Nothing of special importance is to be reported from the Gaines pool, in Tioga county, Pa. Since the last review the field remains in statu quo.

THE SCOUT.

BRIEF MENTIONINGS.

Events in and About the City Given in a Nutshell.

George Hook has purchased the W. C. Beans property on South Broadway, Island, for \$4,200.

General Manager Henry Hornbrook, of the Top mill, has severed his connection with the company.

The Kenney ale brewery was sold Saturday by Auctioneer J. C. Hervey to C. A. Schaefer for \$3,550.

Two boys captured by the Wheeling police as fugitives from Pruntytown reform school, were returned to that institution yesterday.

Two men, Thomas and Thompson, were involved in a cutting scrape near the LaBelle mill yesterday. The former cut Thompson severely.

Frank Work, of the south side, has purchased a fine dark bay colt from Henry Schmullbach. The colt is a year old, and comes of the famous Axtell stock.

The funeral of the infant child of Jake Ohliger will occur from the family residence on South McColch street this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will take place at Mt. Zion.

Yesterday the members of the Mozart Singing Society, accompanied by the Opera House band, went to Cleveland on a special train, where they were the guests of the German singing societies of the Forest City.

Dangerous Anarchist Arrested. PARIS, August 5.—The French police have arrested at Abbeville, Auguste Vallette, a dangerous anarchist, who is supposed to have been the instigator of Salson's attempt upon the shah of Persia. Vallette left Paris immediately after the crime. He and Salson will be confronted. To-day the police tried to discharge Salson's revolver, but not one of the five cartridges exploded because of the way in which the had filed the hammer.

Poisoned His Father. FRESNO, Cal., August 5.—Fred Hines, thirteen years old, has confessed that he poisoned his father, who is lying dangerously ill at the county hospital. The boy said that his father treated him cruelly, and had refused to let him drive his team. He concluded to kill him. He and his younger brother bought the poison, which Fred put in his father's coffee.

ALL BOATS MAY GO TO THE BANK

Within a Few Days, as the River is
Very Low, and a Still Lower
Stage Inevitable.

KEYSTONE STICKS AT POSSUM

But Finally Gets Off and Arrives
Here This Morning—Light Draft
Boats Are Out.

Last evening the stage shown by the marks at the public landing was barely three feet, and with no relief in sight the rivermen are anticipating the complete suspension of navigation on the upper Ohio within a few days, possibly before the close of the week.

The Big Cincinnati and Pittsburgh liner, Keystone State, bound for Wheeling and Pittsburgh, had her troubles on the trip, and she will find it utterly impossible to proceed above this point. Early yesterday morning the Keystone State went aground on the bar at Passum, below Clarington, but Captain Knox got the big packet off after a sharp struggle, and she proceeded to Clarington, where the captain telegraphed to Wheeling for two lighters, which were taken down by the Ruth, which left for Sistersville at 5:30 o'clock. After transferring a quantity of her freight to the barges, the Keystone State came up the river, and will reach this port this morning. Here Captain Knox will learn that it will be impossible to pass the Sisters, and the packet will be tied up at the wharf, pending orders from Commodore Henderson as to when she would clear for Cincinnati—either Monday evening or Tuesday morning, as may be determined at Pittsburgh.

Another packet that has been caught by the bottom-seeking Ohio is the Pittsburgh and Charleston liner, Greenwood, which went aground Saturday morning at Merriman's, a short distance below Pittsburgh. Advice last night were to the effect that the Greenwood would remain on the bar until there is a rise. The Cricket, a light draft boat, built by Captain Gordon Green to run in the Greenwood's trade in low water, has been ordered out, and will be here for Pittsburgh on Thursday morning.

The Kanawha passed up for Pittsburgh at 10 a. m., and it was feared that she would be unable to pass the Sisters, but advice last night were to the effect that she had negotiated the shoals successfully, and went on her way rejoicing. The Kanawha, although a large boat, was built of Washington fir, a very light wood, and draws less water than any other boat of her size running on the upper Ohio.

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.
Pittsburgh, KANAWHA, 10 a. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 a. m.
Sistersville, LEROY, 7 a. m.
Pittsburgh, TELEPHONE, 1 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.
Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Parkersburg, TELEPHONE, 2 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.
Cincinnati, KEYSTONE STATE, 8 a. m. (Or Monday evening).
Steubenville, T. M. BAYNE, 2:30 p. m.
Sistersville, RUTH, 3:30 p. m.
Clarington, LEROY, 3:30 p. m.
Parkersburg, H. K. BEDFORD, 11 a. m.
Newport, JEWEL, 11 a. m.

Pittsburgh River News.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 5.—Captain R. M. Boyd and John M. Boyd, who recently sold out their interest in the Monongahela and Ohio River Transportation Company, and resigned their positions with the company, are negotiating. It is said, for the purchase of the sidewheel steamer Zanetta and the Urania, and will purchase one of the two. The boat will be placed in the Pittsburgh and Elizabeth trade, a trade which the Boyds say they have held for almost fifty years.

The steamer Zanetta is owned by the Pittsburgh, Wheeling and Muskingum River Packet Company, whose owners are also interested in the steamer City of Pittsburgh. The Urania is owned by a son of Captain George Bay, and it is one of the greatest boats on the Ohio river, although it is not large. The boat ran for several seasons in the Pittsburgh and Kanawha river trade. The Zanetta is a sidewheel packet and runs in the Muskingum river trade. It is said to be a very nice boat, but is not as large as the present sidewheelers on the Monongahela river. It is suitable for the excursion trade.

It is believed that if the Boyds succeed in getting one of these boats they will fight the M. & O. Co. but whether or not they will succeed time alone will tell.

Captain John M. Phillips was in Pittsburgh yesterday and reports that the White Collar line, which put a boat in opposition to the City of Pittsburgh, in the daylight, trade between Cincinnati and Louisville, is carrying passengers for from 15 to 25 cents. Captain Phillips is now carrying them for 25 cents the round trip and his boat is said to be making money. It is now a war to the knife, and it is expected that the City of Pittsburgh will win out in the end, as three boats of the White Collar line are affected by the rate war.

River Telegrams.

STEUBENVILLE—River 2 feet 9 inches and falling. Weather, clear and warm. Passed up: Kanawha.

BROWNVILLE—River 4 feet 7 inches and falling.

MORGANTOWN—River 7 feet and stationary. Weather, clear and warm.

WARREN—River at low water mark. Clear and warm.

GREENSBORO—River 7 feet 2 inches and falling. Weather, fair and warm.

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AT A RIPE OLD AGE

John E. Sisson was Called to His
Heavenly Reward—Sketch of the
Career of One of Ohio County's Oldest
Citizens—Prominent in Agriculture.

On Saturday morning at his home near Triadelphia, occurred the death of John E. Sisson, one of Ohio county's oldest and best known citizens. He was born near where he has lived for the last thirty-three years, on May 13, 1813. His father, came to this section in 1812 from Fairfax county, Va., purchasing a farm that has been known by his name ever since, as the Clear View farm.

The subject of this sketch in his boyhood days received such schooling as was then in vogue under the school system of seventy-five years ago, often walking several miles to the school house. At his majority he chose farming and stock raising as his life work, making sheep husbandry his specialty, with cattle as a secondary adjunct. The Devon breed of cattle was his choice; he and his father bringing the first Devons to this section, purchasing them from George Patterson, of Maryland, who was at that time a large breeder and importer of Devons. He raised the fine wool sheep of the Saxony breed, and later on he bred the Silician breed, noted for their fine clothing wools. Of this breed he had some fine specimens, being associated with W. H. Ladd, of Ohio, who imported some of the sheep from Silicia, thus having the best that could be obtained.

Friends have often heard him speak of the discouragements he had to encounter at the beginning of his work, but by energy and push and, as the boys say, "stick-to-itiveness," he made the business a success.

At the breaking out of the civil war he sided with the Union, and as a staunch Republican, although not a politician, he was a member of several conventions in the infancy of the new state of West Virginia, and was elected to the board of commissioners once or twice from his township. This position he did not seek but his friends pushed him, and he served faithfully and had the confidence and respect of the voters of the township. In later years he espoused the cause of Prohibition, believing that the rum traffic should be put down and that the best way to do it was at the polls. He was a staunch Methodist, in which faith he tried to gauge all his transactions in a Christian manner. He was probably the oldest member of that denomination in this section, worshipping in houses before there was a church in the community. His home was always open for the ministers and they were sure to be there on their rounds when the circuits were large. Old pioneers, including James Simpson, Samuel Brockmeyer, Titchnell, William Lynch and others, were among his fastest friends.

On September 4, 1834, he was united in marriage to Sarah Milligan, who only lived a short time, dying in 1840. One child is now living from this union, Mrs. W. H. Crump, of Stockton, Cal. On April 6, 1842, he was again united in marriage, to Ann Woodard, of Parkersburg, who survives him. By this marriage there are four children living, L. P., now located at Newark, Ohio, secretary of the American Devon Cattle Club, and connected with the Jewett Car Company; George E., of this county; Charles W., of Boston, Mass.; Emma McCoy, of Bellaire, Ohio.

How few live to such a ripe age together, 58 years. For nearly four years Mr. Sisson was more or less confined to his house, having partly lost his sight. This affliction did not in any way affect his mind, and he kept in touch with all events of the day, having the papers read to him by his wife.

Thus at a ripe old age he was gathered to his heavenly home. His faith was strong in his God, whom he served so long. He often spoke of how good God had been to him and how He sustained him in his afflictions, and often hymns of praise would issue from his lips. He was a kind and loving father and husband, and nothing pleased him more than to have all his children at home with him and give them friendly counsel and encouragement.

The funeral will be held from the family home this morning at 10 o'clock, to which friends of the family are invited. The interment will follow at Stone Church cemetery, Elm Grove.

Well Known Citizen Dead.

The sad tidings of the death of Fred Yanit, the well known stone contractor, reached this city yesterday and caused widespread sorrow among his many friends in this city. Mr. Yanit was a sufferer from asthma, and went to Denver for his health, about four months ago. He died at an early hour this morning. His wife left for Denver at 8 o'clock last evening, and will accompany the remains home. Deceased was a well known citizen, and a member of the Builders' Exchange.

An Agonizing Death.

Alfred Roberts, an eighteen-year-old boy, living at 3528 Chapline street, was bitten by a vicious dog out Boggs' run about three weeks ago, and it has been since discovered that the brute was afflicted with rabies. Dr. Rau was summoned to attend the boy and he pronounced it a genuine case of hydrophobia. The boy died an agonizing death early Saturday morning, as exclusively chronicled in Saturday's Intelligence, and his attendants had to do everything in their power to keep him confined to his bed. His remains were removed early this morning to New Martinsville for burial.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

George M. Murphy, of Fairmont, is at the McLeure.

Mrs. Roy Hale is visiting her parents at Weston.

C. A. Buchanan, of Wellsburg, is a McLeure arrival.

P. Jindge, of Clarksburg, is stopping at the Windsor.

W. C. Young, of New Cumberland, is at the Stamm.

G. F. Elliot, of Wolf Summit, is at the Grand Central.

Miss Bess Miller is the guest of friends at Wellsburg.

H. E. Wilson, of Sistersville, is at the Stamm.

E. M. Holliday has returned from a pleasant stay at Capon Springs.

Mrs. Fred Tieman, of Pittsburgh, is visiting relatives on Twelfth street.

E. B. Wallace and wife, of Sistersville, are visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. C. M. Oliphant and son, Paul, are visiting relatives at Cortland, Ohio.

S. B. Glenn and wife, of St. Marys, were calling on friends in the city yesterday.


J. T. Martin and Morgan Billingsley, of Fairmont, are state arrivals at the Windsor.

Edward Kelley, clerk at Charles Menckmiller's pharmacy, is visiting friends at Cleveland.

The state arrivals at the Park hotel yesterday were: W. R. Rine, of New Martinsville; William Vass, of Fairmont; V. T. Stewart, of Parkersburg; W. O. Boyer and Charles Ray, of

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